(c) the number of complaints received by the management of Kendriya Bhandar since 1st January, 1990 (year-wise), including suggestions, from public and the number of suggestions/complaints on which no acknowledgement or reply about action taken has so far been sent to the complaints (along with date of suggestion/complaint) and the reasons for not paying any heed to the public grievances ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) to (c) Provision for acknowledging the receipt of suggestions/complaints exists in the Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure.

Kendriya Bhandar is a Cooperative Society registered under the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 1972 and is also governed by the Delhi Shops and Establishments Act, 1954. As such, the provisions of Central Secretariat Office Procedure Manual are not applicable to Kendriya Bhandar. However, the complaints/suggestions received from the public for redressal are acknowledged where so required and action is taken thereon and the complainant/suggestor is informed thereof in due course of time wherever necessary.

The number of complaints/suggestions received for the years 1990 onwards, and the number on which no action taken/reply given are as follows :

Year	No. of complaints/ suggestions received	No. on which no action taken/reply given
1990	20	Nil
1991	16	7
1992	57	8
1993	84	6

Regarding the complaints on which no action was taken/reply was given, these complaints did not have complete information and hence could not be enquired into.

1491. [Transferred to 8th March, 1993.]

केन्द्रीय प्रशासनिक अधिकरण इलाहाबाद के लिए कार्यालय का खरीदा जाना

1492. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बतानें की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्रीय प्रशासनिक अधिकरण इलाहाबाद के लिए कार्यालय की खरीद के संबंध में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है ; और

(ख) इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और विलम्ब के क्या कारण है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मार्गेट अल्वा) : (क) और (ख) इस समय केन्द्रीय प्रशासनिक अधिकरण की इलाहाबाद खण्डपीठ किराए के एक निजी भवन में स्थित है। चूंकि वर्तमान जगह अधिकरण के काम-काज के लिये सुविधाजनक नहीं है, इसलिए सरकार केन्द्रीय प्रशासनिक अधिकरण के साथ परामर्श करके उपयुक्त जगह ढूंढने की संभावनाओं का पता लगा रही है। इस सम्बन्ध में अभी तक कोई अन्तिम निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है।

Pension cases pending for finalisation

1493. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) how many cases are pending for finalisation of pension:

(b) what are the reasons for the undue delay; and

(c) what steps are being taken to avoid delay in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT MARGARET ALVA) : (a) to (c) The system of sanction and payment of pension operates on a decentralised basis. With a view to minimising delay in sanctioning of pension, instructions were issued in January, 1987 making Heads of Departments/Offices accountable for strict complaince of the Government Orders for ensuring authorisation of pension and gratuity—provisional or final—by the date of retirement on superannuation. The retiring employees who did not receive Pension Payment Order by the date of retirement were advised to bring such cases to the notice

of this Ministry. During the period 1-4-87 to 11-2-94, 221 cases of non-compliance of the above mentioned instructions were brought to the notice of this Department out of which 204 cases have since been settled. The concerned authorities have been directed at appropriate level to ensure immediate settlement of pending cases.

Committee's report on austerity measures

1494. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a high level committee headed by the then Cabinet Secretary Rajgopal was asked to submit a report on austerity measures, reducing Government flab and cutting down on top official posts; and

(b) if so, what are the recommendations of the committee and to what extent the recommendations of the Committee have been implemented for austerity measures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) It is not a fact that a high level committee headed by the then Cabinet Secretary Shri Rajagopal was asked to submit a report on austerity measures, and cutting down of top posts in Government. However, a committee comprising the Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat; Secretary (Expenditure), Establishment Officer & Additional Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training and Additional Secretary (Expenditure) did review the posts of the level of Joint Secretary/equivalent with a view to identifying posts for surrender and to bringing about a reduction in expenditure.

(b) Having regard to the recommendations of the Committee, the Government decided to abolish 52 posts at the level of Joint Secretary in a gradual manner; 48 such posts have since been abolished.

मध्य प्रदेश के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में अनुसूचित जातियों अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लिए पेयजल की आपूर्ति

1495. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव :** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के ग्रामीण तथा जन जाति क्षेत्रों में अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लिए पेयजल की आपूर्ति हेतु सातवीं योजना के दौरान क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है और इस संबंध में प्राप्त लक्ष्य का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) पेयजल की समस्या को सुलझाने के लिए आठवीं योजना के दौरान जिलेवार क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है ;

(ग) इस राज्य में सरकार आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान जिलेवार कितने-कितने गांवों में पेयजल सुविधा उपलब्ध कराने का विचार रखती है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) योजना आयोग ने आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के लिए कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की है ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय के ग्रामीण विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उत्तमभाई पटेल) : (क) सातवीं योजना के पहले तीन वर्षों के लिए पेयजल सप्लाई हेतु, अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों की कवरेज के लिए कोई लक्ष्य निर्धारित नहीं किये गये थे। 1988-89 और 1989-90 के शेष दो वर्षों के लिए लक्ष्य तथा पूरी योजना अवधि के दौरान उपलब्धि निम्न प्रकार है :

अनुसूचित जाति/जनजाति ग्रामीण जन संख्या (लाख में)

लक्ष्य		उपलब्धि	
अनुसूचित जाति	अनुसूचित जनजाति	अनुसूचित जाति	अनुसूचित जनजाति
7.96	11.44	22.68	34.82